

WANTS, LOST, ETC.

Notices under this head inserted one week for 25 cents. Three weeks for 50 cents.

Lost.

Last Friday morning, somewhere on the highway between Bethel and West Bethel, a pair of meat scales. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at my shop in Bethel.

John L. Yates.

FOR SALE.

Eggs for setting. 13 Barred Plymouth Rock eggs, \$1.00; 26, \$1.50; 39, \$2.00. From one of the best strains on earth, "Rudds." Limited number of settings, White Wyandottes, 13 for \$1.00. Plymouth Rock pullets, \$1.00 each. S. W. Johnson, Deering Centre, Maine.

NOTICE.

The subscribers will receive bids up to March 20th for a superintending for the Bethel poor farm, the year to begin April 6th, 1897. There are but two paupers on the farm at present.

Henry Farwell, } Overseers
C. B. Billings, }
C. E. Barker, } Poor.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

All persons intending to teach school in the town of Bethel the present year will please meet at the brick school house in Bethel on Saturday, March 13th, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

J. A. Twaddle, supervisor.

Notice.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the estate of Charles W. Farwell, late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Harriet F. Farwell, Feb. 16th, 1897. 3w39

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For the BETHEL NEWS.

A LEGEND OF SKOWHEGAN.

BY ADDIE KENDALL MASON.

(Squaw-he-gone.)

When from out the darkness forest

Float, the night bird's lonely call;

You can see the mystic fires

Dancing o'er the foaming falls.

Spectral forms of warriors brave,

Who, led by that fatal glowing,

Found a cold and watery grave.

Many a queer romantic story

Of Maine's rivers has been told,

Many tales of old folk tell us,

Of Maine's pioneers so bold.

This is just an ancient legend

That the years have borne along.

Telling how those roving rangers

Got the name of Skowhegan.

By the Kennebec's deep waters

In the years long passed away,

Dwelt a little band of settlers—

Stout of heart and limb were they.

Just a few brave, sturdy yeomen,

With their wives and children dear,

Journeyed here and made a clearing

In the forest wild and drear.

For a few brief years they prospered,

Little girls grew to womanhood;

While the lads were strong and manly

Reared within these cabins rude.

But one autumn, when the corn ears

Took a deeper tinge of gold,

And the season's artist painted

In bright colors all the world,

Through the forest came a maiden;

Dark her skin from wind and sun,

Shy and stealthy were her movements—

Swift almost unto a run.

Not a twig cracked 'neath her footfalls,

As she fleetly took her way

Through the woods so dark and trackless,

On that long gone autumn day.

Truly, 'tis no settler's daughter,

For she wears an Indian suit,

Leggings fringed, stout tunic beaded,

Dainty lace-up buckskin boot.

But no blood of savage wild man

Flows within that graceful form;

Years before had she been stolen

From a fair Canadian home.

"Leaping Fawn" the Indians named her

For her quick and lightsome ways;

Yet sometimes across her memory

Swept a dream of other days.

And the longing grew upon her

When she heard the waters roar,

To escape this life of wilderness

And return to scenes of yore.

So oft down the limpid waters

Her trail canoe would glide,

To the white man's peaceful village

She its course would swiftly guide.

There were eyes that brightened quickly

Bronzed cheeks that flushed with pride,

When beneath low hanging willows

This same light canoe would glide.

And the maiden stepping shoreward

Clasped his hand with eyes bent low.

While the hours passed too quickly

As they paced the sands so slow.

And the sun-tanned cheeks flushed redly

At the youth's fond words of praise;

But the eyes oft full of daring

Shyly drooped beneath his gaze.

While the seeming friendly man

Watched all the long summer through

Watched the farmers at their labor,

Watched their crops as fast they grew.

And the chieftain called a council

'Monst' the warriors of his tribe,

Told them of this quiet village

Nestled by the river side.

Told them they'd heed his wisdom,

Hearken to his words alone,

Be prepared to do his bidding.

All its wealth should be their own.

Then these plans he laid before them—

On some fair and cloudless day,

Leaping Fawn should take a message

To the settlers far away.

For the wise old chief had reasoned

That they thought of her so well

They would question not a message

She had journeyed there to tell.

Telling them that friendly Indians

Wished to camp near that night;

And to guide them safely shoreward

She should build a fire bright.

"Just above the falls so fearful"

Then the old chief raised his head—

"We will land, and all the pale-faced

Shall be numbered with the dead."

So to take the Indian's message

"Leaping Fawn" was bade to go;

While the lively savage watching,

As she started forth so slow,

Never thought that she had heard him

When he held his council grave;

Knew not that the maid was destined

All that settlement to save.

On the maiden hastened swiftly

And her burnished cheeks were pale,

When she reached the little village

And had told her solemn tale.

To outwit the cunning savage

Talked they over plans so fast,

And as evening shadows lengthened

They had found the way at last.

Close beside the raging torrent

Where there high the signal fire—

Built it—just below the falls.

When the darkling shades of night time

Settled o'er the world so drear,

All the settlers, armed and watchful

Waited while their foes drew near.

Dark and somber was that village,

Not a light shone from their walls,

Not a gleam to guide the foe man

But the fire below the falls.

Down the sinuous, hurrying river

Glide the Indians to their doom;

Noiseless as the phantom shadows

That are filling all the gloom.

Suddenly the treacherous current

Seems to rush them on so swift

Towards the falls in exaltation—

Onward now they wildly drift

But too late they know their danger.

And their paddles madly fly

Through the seething, surging waters—

List! the death song rends the sky

And the weird incantation

On the night wind is up-borne,

Backward wafted to the listeners

As their death cry, "Squaw-he-gone."

All was silent save the trilling

Of the night bird's lonely calls,

But no more the place was nameless,

For 'twas called "Skowhegan Falls."

Unmolested lived these people

Ever from that night of fear;

Troubled not by treacherous foe man—

Knowing much of this world's cheer.

And the graceful, fearless maiden,

Who to save them risked her life,

Spent her life in this same village,

As a loved and honored wife.

And oftentimes when Nature's artist

Hung the woods with pictures bright,

She would tell her children's children

Of that long gone autumn night;

Bid them list to hear the trilling

Of the birds' sad, mournful calls;

Bid them watch for flickering fires,

Dancing o'er Skowhegan Falls.

Of this story you've been reading,

Much to hope may be true;

'Tis a legend of past ages

I have told this night to you.

Written for the News.

Our Guiding Star.

When the curtain of night enfolds us,

And darkness hides from our eyes

The wonderful beauties of nature,

And the deepening twilight dies,

In the great blue vault of Heaven

'Where the angels' lamps are trim-

med,

The brightest of all the throng

Remains our guiding star undimmed.

Ever through life's long journey

We watch its

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NEWS ABOUT HOME.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST, ETC., ETC.

"A CITY THAT IS SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HID."

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

Every American patriot wishes for William McKinley a successful administration. He is the President of the entire country, not the mere head of a party. His wisdom in office will make for the advancement and well-being of a nation of free men; his mistakes as chief magistrate will affect all citizens alike. He is unworthy the name American who can find pleasure in the prospect of embarrassment and perplexity for the new executive in the discharge of his duties and who does not hope that he may solve all problems and meet all issues that may arise in a manner which will bring the greatest good to the country which we love.

That Major McKinley will be confronted by many grave problems, is manifest. That the proper performance of his duties will require a high degree of statesmanship is evident. Whether the new president can bring to the discharge of these duties the requisite measure of statesmanship is for the coming four years to determine, but until he gives evidence of weakness or incapacity he is entitled to the people's confidence.

Taken as a whole, the inaugural address of President McKinley will tend to encourage that confidence. His first official utterance was dignified, conservative, and patriotic in tone. His views on the money question accord with the principles embodied in the St. Louis platform, and while the people generally do not share the confidence which he expresses as to the success of the movement for international bimetalism, they have reason to believe that he will insist upon the preservation of the dignity of the present currency. His suggestion that our financial system yet needs strengthening, and his approval of the proposition for a monetary commission, even justify the hope that something permanently beneficial may be done in the line of currency reform.

BUSY DAY FOR MCKINLEY.

Was Waited on by Organizations and Individuals.

Farewell Visit of Ex-President Cleveland's Cabinet.

Washington, March 5.—President McKinley arose at half-past seven this morning after a good night's rest, in no wise the worse for the fatigue incident to the inaugural ceremonies. Mrs. McKinley had not been harmed by the excitement of the week.

The first official act of the new President was the signing of the commission of John Sherman as Secretary of State.

At 10:25 a. m. the members of Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, with the exception of Mr. Olney, who came ten minutes later, called to pay their respects and bid farewell. The members of the Cleveland cabinet were received promptly by the President, who shook hands with them and exchanged a few pleasant words of greeting.

At 11 the members of the 23d Ohio, Major McKinley's regiment, 150 in number, called and were received in the east room. The meeting was impressive.

The President had scarcely shaken hands with the last of the veterans when the David Martin Club, the Wm. R. Leeds Association and the Harmer Club of Philadelphia marched up to the White House. The President came out on the portico and bowed as the men passed before him.

Troop A of Cleveland, the President's escort of yesterday, was also received. With their handsome black and gold uniforms they made a striking picture in the east room.

At 11:35 ex-Gov. Long, the future Secretary of the Navy, who arrived in Washington this morning, reported as ready for duty.

The resignation of Ambassador Bayard was received this morning. The American Club of Pittsburgh called and was received at 11:45.

Assistant Secretary Pruden left for the Capitol at twenty minutes to twelve with the nominations of the cabinet officers.

In the afternoon between 4 and 5 Major McKinley received several thousand members of civic and political organizations.

Mrs. C. O. Foster and little boy, Wilfred, went to Newry yesterday to spend a few days visiting relatives.

Spring begins March 20th.

St. Patrick's day is March 17th. A foot rule—"Don't wear tight shoes."

March is as changeable as a school girl.

Last Sunday was the first Sunday in Lent.

Easter Sunday comes on April 18th this year.

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Children's Column.

Conducted by Lena B. Ellingwood.

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Brave Little Dennis.
HOW SHE RESCUED BABY FROM A HORRIBLE DEATH.

I don't know why she was called Dennis, unless it was because that was not her real name.

Her mother, Mrs. Watson, was a pale, tired woman, who worked early and late for the support of her fatherless children.

She started for her work one morning in early spring, saying to Dennis as she turned to go:

"Take good care of the baby, Dennis, and don't leave him alone."

"All right," said careless Dennis, and as her mother's footsteps died away on the second landing she shut the door of the one room that served them for a home, and went to work.

It was not Dennis's way to be careful over anything, and she made short work of washing the breakfast dishes and tidying the room. Then she turned her attention to the baby. He lay on the bed in the corner of the room fast asleep, one chubby hand under his soft cheek and a rosy foot thrust out of the bedclothes.

"Oh, dear," she sighed, "I wish baby would wake up."

Dennis went to the window and looked out into the street below.

Some children were in the street below, and the crisp March breeze waited the sound of merry laughter to her ears. The room was so still that she could plainly hear baby's soft, regular breathing.

"Oh, dear," said Dennis again; "I'm lonesome; do wake up, baby!" and she went to the bed and looked at the baby so hard that he opened his eyes and looked up at her.

Then he laughed.

Dennis put both arms around him, and while she lifted him up from the bed she talked to him in her half childish, half womanly way.

"Now, baby, dear, you must be a good baby to-day, 'cause mamma has gone off to work all day, and I am going to keep house. Now hold still," as he tried to wriggle out of the apron she was putting on him: "be a goodie, goodie boy, to please Dennis."

So the toilet was finished, and the baby was drawn up in his high chair to drink the basin of milk that sat on the table.

Baby felt a little mischievous this morning, and he played with his spoon, and reached out with it to strike every thing near by.

"Oh, you bad baby," cried Dennis as he over turned a glass of water, and its contents ran all over his clean apron; Dennis took off the apron, which she hung before the fire, and baby, subdued by the mishap, finished his breakfast in silence.

Then he and Dennis played on the floor; and his baby laughter mingled with her shouts of merriment.

But when she left him for a moment, attracted by some noise in the street, she came back to find him fast asleep on the hard floor. Gently she lifted him up and put him on the bed. For a few moments it was very still, but soon the same noises under her window attracted her attention, and, looking out, she saw that the children were still gathered in the alley playing hide and seek. They were all Dennis's playmates. Dirty and ragged, some of them, yet with happiness enough in their faces to compensate them for the lack of clothing on their backs.

For a while Dennis watched them listlessly enough.

Then her excitement grew as the game went on, until she could hardly restrain herself.

"I may as well go," she said, half aloud, "they'll wake baby with their screaming."

She cast a sidelong glance at baby. He was still sleeping. The apron by the fire was steaming, and evidently, though I have not got them all, I have a very good stock which is at your disposal to select from.

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All my rings are solid gold. I do not carry a single plated or filled ring in stock.

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Enlight. This winter I have had the mumps and measles, but am all over them now. I hope you will all enjoy reading this letter as much as I have writing it. I will close now.

From
Vivian A. Dingley.
Lowell, Mass., Feb. 24, 1897.

Mr. Editor:
My mother takes the BETHEL News, so I thought I would try for the prize in the word hunt.

I enjoy reading the children's letters very much. As this is my first letter, I hope it will escape the waste basket, then I shall have courage to write again. I shall be twelve years old the sixth of April. I attend the Highland grammar school. There are six grades, and I am in the second grade. My teacher's name is Fanny Clark. My papa works in the Lowell Machine shop.

From your little friend,
Walter V. Smith.
Portland, Me., March 1, 1897.

Dear Mr. Editor:
I am trying for the prize that is offered to any child, who finds the most words out of "Children's Column." I am nine years old. I go to the Butler Grammar School in the fourth class. My teacher's name is Miss Annie Hanson. I have a brother and a sister. My brother's name is Lester, and my sister's name is Elsie.

I take music lessons of Mr. F. L. Rankin on the Virgil Clavier. I go Saturday forenoon at ten o'clock. We lived in Bethel until I was four years old. My grandfather and grandmother live in Bethel. My father works for Uncle Sam. He is a railway postal clerk. He stays at home a week, and then works a week.

Grace Mildred Flint.
North Newry, Me., Jan. 24, 1897.

Dear Mr. Editor:
I am a little boy ten years old. I have three brothers and one sister, all older than myself. I have a pair of steers two years old, that I have trained myself. I am getting up the wood with them. My school closed three weeks ago. My teacher's name was Miss Bessie Searle. I liked her very much. I studied arithmetic, spelling, geography, grammar, and writing, and read in the fourth reader.

We have a large shepherd dog; his name is Neptune; he hauls me on my sled. We all think he is a nice dog. I have a kitten whose name is Tabby.

My papa takes the News, and I like to read the Children's Column very much. If you print this I will write a longer letter next time. I will close with a "conundrum." "Where have all the babies of the world been cradled?"

Your little reader,
Fred Wight.
West Bethel, Feb. 26, 1897.

Dear Editor:
I am a girl twelve years old. As I have never written a letter for the News, I will try and do so to-day, as I have just finished my list of words that I have been making from "Children's Column."

I wish I could be the one to get the prize, but do not expect to, as there are a number at this place that are trying for it, and I have not had much time to work on them, only a little while each evening, and have had no one to help me.

I have had to help mother do the house-work, and take care of my little brother, who is three years old and very mischievous, and I take all the care of the hens, of which we have thirty; we also have three ducks.

I think this will do for this time, and will try and write again. I will close with a riddle.

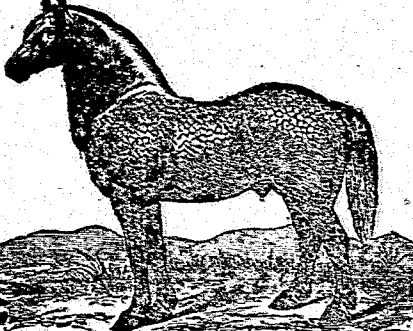
"Four of England, four of Spain, Met together in a shower of rain, Put in a bag, tied up with a string, Guess this riddle, and I will give you a ring."

Very respectfully,
Grace M. Mills.
Upton, Me., Feb. 26, 1897.

Dear Editor:
I have never written for this paper before, and so I thought that I would write, and if you print it, perhaps I will write again. I go three miles to school. My teacher's name is Fred O. Godvin.



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ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Real Estate owned by the company, unincumbered, loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), stock and bonds owned by the company, \$885,850 00
Loans secured by collateral, 1,385 04
Cash in company's principal office and in banks, 3,904 02
Cash deposited with trustees, 7,137 09
Interest due and accrued, 270,640 61
Gross premiums in due course of collection, 270,640 61

Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value, \$1,168,914 76
LIABILITIES DECEMBER 31, 1898.
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, 247,980 00
Amount required to carry re-insure all outstanding risks, 488,627 98
All other demands against the company, viz: commissions, etc., 49,118 00
Total amount of liabilities, except capital deposit and net surplus, 780,725 98
Capital deposit, 200,000 00
Surplus beyond capital deposit, 188,188 78

Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus, \$1,168,914 76
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THE COUNTY NEWS

Short Paragraphs Collected by Our Correspondents, for the NEWS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
You are earnestly requested to send us the news from your locality every week. If you get out of stationery drop us a line.
In every town where we have not already got a correspondent we would like to make arrangements with some person to furnish us with items. Write us.

WEST BETHEL.
"Quite long enough has been thy stay, Old father Winter—prayer depart! For timid Spring is on the way, And will not venture where thou art."
We have entered upon the season of Lent, and eggs are only fourteen cents per dozen.
W. F. Brown and wife of Bryant's Pond were at L. D. Grover's two days last week.
March came in cold and stormy, so we may be comforted by the saying that it is a sign the month will go out like a lamb.
Miss Flora Jane Wheeler, who has for a number of years been engaged as a school teacher in Jefferson, N. H., came home last week to spend her vacation with her parents.
Mrs. O. M. Mason, in her school report, suggests that on Arbor day the men in the vicinity of school-houses devote the day to helping the children to beautify the grounds by planting trees and flowers. Our spring term of school, in 1898, was taught by Miss Etta Strout, of Cumberland, and she with her scholars set out an elm and a maple in the yard, planting their names, enclosed in a bottle, at the roots of the trees. The next year a team of boys twisted the trees into withes, and no shrub or plant is allowed to grow within their playground. Boys will be boys, and when outside the school-room they must have exercise. Grass cannot grow beneath their feet, nor fences stand around the lot. Fences are with spades and the trees they plant one day they will dig up the next.

HANOVER.
Crows have made their appearance.
Lila Howe is working at Marshall Swain's.
Tramps are quite numerous in this vicinity.
Mrs. Marshall Swain is slowly recovering after her severe illness.
Alfred Coffran has finished work for Reed and Swain, and is now looking for another job.
Ed Billings finished work for Joe Morey about three weeks ago and has been at home since.
Last Sunday Mrs. C. C. Billings accompanied by her son, Ed, went to Swift River to visit her husband where he is cooking for a logging crew.
W. C. Holt was called home from Ketchum last Saturday to entertain company, and on his arrival, found an eight pound son waiting to make his acquaintance.

POLAND.
The municipal election Monday resulted in the following choice of town officers:
Clerk and treasurer, F. A. Pulsifer, Rep. Selectmen, assessors and overseers of poor, J. I. Chipman, Rep. W. W. Denness, Rep. Town agent, J. I. Chipman, Rep. Members of school board, Chas. L. Pulsifer, Rep. Martin C. Davis, Dem. Collector and constable, L. T. Brown, Dem.

MASON.
Ella Tyler is visiting friends in Harrison.
Arthur Tyler went to Harrison Saturday.
Edith Grover of West Bethel was in town Sunday.
Roy Grover and wife went to Newry last Saturday.
The gale of Friday night blew the shingles off E. H. Morrill's barn.
Charles Dunham, while loading a log on a sled, met with a painful accident, by throwing his knee out of joint.
Last but not least was the whist party at Mr. Ervin Hutchinson's, last Thursday evening. There were sixteen present and everyone seemed busy till 10:30, when a hall was called for refreshments of cake and chocolate; after that they resumed playing. The party broke up at 12 o'clock and all departed, much pleased with the evening's entertainment.

IT NEVER FAILS.
Harris & Ruquo, Erin, Tenn., manufacturers of the celebrated Erin Limes, have in their employ, in various departments of their business, several hundred men. The firm write to the Dr. J. H. BROWN, New York, in great praise of Dr. J. H. BROWN'S Lightning Remedy for Rheumatism, and say they have cured four cases with it, and that it has not failed in a single instance. The remedy always gives satisfaction. Send \$5 to Dr. J. H. BROWN'S Medicine Co., and they will ship to your address two large bottles—a month's treatment—by return express. Agents Wanted.
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TOWN ELECTIONS.
Town Officers Chosen March 1, 1897.
ALBANY.
Moderator, James A. Kimball. Clerk, Dexter A. Cummings. Selectmen, F. H. Bennett, H. B. McKean, J. K. Wheeler. Treasurer, W. B. Cummings. Collector and Constable, W. G. Beckler.
S. S. Committee, O. P. Pingree, 3 years, S. E. Haselton, 3 years. Town Agent, A. G. Bean.
ANDOVER.
Moderator, O. B. Poor. Clerk, F. W. Loring. Selectmen, E. M. Bailey, J. E. Akers, C. E. Cushman. Treasurer, L. M. Hawey. Collector, B. L. Akers. S. S. Committee, S. Cabot, Mrs. J. F. Talbot. Road Commissioner, H. R. Porter.
BETHEL.
Moderator, A. E. Herrick, Esq. Clerk, L. T. Barker. Selectmen, Henry Farwell, J. C. Billings, O. E. Barker. Treasurer, J. U. Purington. Collector, C. M. Wormell. S. S. Committee, F. E. Brown, 2 years, J. S. Hutchins, 3 years, N. F. Brown, 3 years.
BROWNFIELD.
Moderator, L. R. Giles. Clerk, H. F. Fitch. Selectmen, J. H. Hanscom, Chas. Linscott, W. F. Brooks. Treasurer, T. C. Walker. Collector, T. C. Walker. S. S. Committee, H. F. Fitch, W. L. Gatchell.
BYRON.
Moderator, A. O. Reed. Clerk, H. H. Richards. Selectmen, H. H. Richards, Jotham Shaw, Geo. F. Thomas. Treasurer, John Houghton. Collector, A. S. Young. S. S. Committee, John E. Shaw, John E. Pressey, Geo. F. Thomas, John Houghton, Stephen Taylor.

DEMARK.
Teams are quite busy drawing sawdust to cover ice.
Augustine Ingalls is drawing pine from the lot of J. Bennett.
The spring term of our High School commences to-day, Monday.
Miss Ella Varney, of West Demark, was at A. H. Witham's last week.
Elbridge Shorn has been engaged by our selected to take charge of the town farm this year.
Dr. S. T. Brown is having the finish put on and floors laid for a cook room and pantry. Lincoln Douglas of Bridgton is doing the work.
Uncle Jeremiah Blaisdell, one of our old and respected citizens; died March 8, aged 75 years, the last of three brothers who for years lived and honored our town. The funeral service was held at the house, Friday the 5th, by Rev. C. F. Sargent. He leaves a widow and several daughters to mourn his departure.

MARSHALL HILL.
Arriel Carver's family are all sick with bad colds.
Mr. J. H. Briggs called on his friend, Mr. J. W. Cummings, last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Hazeltine visited at Stoneham, one day last week.
We enjoyed a pleasant visit from Mr. Fred Hazeltine and his mother, one day last week.
Geo. V. Briggs has finished hauling his pine to North Waterford and is now hauling spruce to Bethel.
Mr. Lucien Andrews and wife, and Mrs. Lydia Fernald, were guests at Isaiah Hazeltine's Sunday.

NEWRY.
Ismy Frost is at home for a few days.
The Praying Band from Bethel were at the church, Sunday.
Mr. Nahum Frost was very sick Monday, but is some better now.
There will be a lyceum at the Branch school-house Saturday, the 13th.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spinney have another little girl, born Monday, March 8th.
When bilious or constive, eat a Cascaret, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c, 25c.

Twenty Years...
For more than twenty years we have been telling how Scott's Emulsion overcomes the excessive waste of the system, puts on flesh, nourishes and builds up the body, making it the remedy for all wasting diseases of adults and children, but it isn't possible for us to tell the story in a mere snippet of newspaper type.
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BETHEL NEWS

The annual meeting of the Bethel Village Corporation was held in the corporation building, Monday evening, March 8. The following officers were elected:
A. E. Herrick, Moderator.
G. R. Wiley, clerk.
H. C. Andrews, J. U. Purington, J. C. Billings, assessors.
E. C. Park, treasurer.
R. A. Frye, auditor.
C. M. Wormell, collector.
E. S. Kilborn, S. N. Buck, E. E. Whitney, engineers.
The fire police are C. M. Wormell, H. C. Barker, J. B. Chapman, Milton Penley, W. D. Hastings, Chas. L. Davis, Gilbert Tuell, F. H. Young, C. C. Bryant, D. B. Brown, T. B. Goodwin, O. D. Clough.
Voted to pay one and three fourths per cent. for collecting corporation taxes for the ensuing year.
Voted to raise \$300.00 for lighting streets.
Voted to raise \$800.00 to pay for rental of hydrants.
Voted to raise \$305.00 to pay on outstanding notes and interest.
Voted to raise \$100.00 for miscellaneous expenses.
Voted that the corporation pay each member of the two hose companies and the hook and ladder company \$1.00 for actual attendance upon a fire alarm, and fifty cents to each member for each of the twelve regular meetings of said companies, and to raise \$250.00 to pay the same.
Voted to locate a hydrant near the residence of Dr. J. G. Gehring, under the direction of the assessors and engineers. Also voted to locate another hydrant near J. M. Hodsdon's mill. Voted to raise \$50.00 to pay the rent on these two hydrants.
G. R. Wiley, J. U. Purington, and J. M. Philbrook were chosen a committee to investigate the matter of a system of sewerage and to report at a future meeting.

THE COMING CONCERT.
Maine has never been known as a musical state, but this fact must be denied now since the Musical Festival next October in Lewiston is an assured fact.
Let us stop to consider a moment. Bethel is the smallest town in Maine that will send a chorus to help swell that grand chorus of 1400 singers; and should we not feel proud? We have been given thirty seats by Prof. Chapman.
With this encouragement, our chorists have decided to enter into the spirit with deeper enthusiasm. We have met every week this winter, and in our amateur way have accomplished much. Our expenses have necessarily been quite heavy, and it is the intention of the chorus to give a grand concert (the place and date to be mentioned later) to defray them. Only ten seats have been reserved for Bethel people to listen to the great Festival next October, so we think it a good idea, with our chorus of over 40, to give the large number who cannot go to Lewiston a chance to know how the music will sound by the 1400 singers next autumn. It is the duty of every one who can possibly come, to attend this concert and encourage the art that accomplishes so much good in this world. Watch for announcements as to place and date.

ORRIN FOSTER OF NEWRY was in our village yesterday.
People buy Hood's Sarsaparilla year after year because it does them good. It will do you good to take it.
EAST BUCKFIELD.
Crows are seen quite plenty.
Eggs are fourteen cents per dozen.
Eugene Verrill and wife were in this place last Sunday.
Delbert Dunn has his job completed at Summer Hill.
Horace Dunn has bought a farm down in Webster, Maine.
Brabby Damon and family have moved on to John Damon place.
Willie Cobb, Jr., is working up Justus Mason's wood-pile, at the door.
Wilson Shaw has sold his young grey mare "Topsy" to Auburn parties.
Mrs. P. R. Lileston spent a part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Silas Shaw.
Mrs. Lincoln, who had a shock, has so far recovered as to be able to sit up in bed.
John Damon and his mother have moved into the D. A. Dunn house, where Horace Dunn moved out.
Mrs. L. A. Bumpus from Dorchester, Mass., came to help care for Mrs. Lincoln, who has an attack of the mumps.
Last Saturday Solon C. Tuttle, wife and daughter and George W. Record, wife and daughter attended the grange at East Bethel.
Seth L. Mason, wife and little daughter, from Bethel, who have been visiting at J. B. Mason's, his brother, returned to their home, Feb. 27th.

BERLIN MILLS.
Mrs. H. N. Oleson is on the sick list this week.
Mrs. E. G. Grover is quite sick with the gripe.
W. L. Lefavor and wife are visiting friends in town.
Mr. O. B. Brown and Mr. Bailey went up river Monday morning.
Miss Clara L. Wardwell, who has been quite sick, is slowly recovering.
Miss Jennie Rich, who has been teaching school at Oxford, is home for a vacation.
Mrs. John Burbank was confined to the house a few days last week with the gripe.
Mr. Elden Pierce, one of Berlin Mills Co. scalers, returned to the woods Monday morning.
Mrs. Hiram Wheeler passed away Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the home of H. E. Smith.
Mrs. Joe Porter passed away quietly last Friday afternoon at the home of her sister, after a long and severe illness.
John W. Condon, who for some time has been suffering with a severe hip trouble, having partially recovered, met with an accident Saturday morning, which will probably confine him to the house for a long time. His sister, Miss Lenora Condon, will take his place at the Post Office.
From Cripple Creek.
After the big fire in Cripple Creek, I took a very severe cold and tried many remedies without help, the cold only becoming more settled. After using three small bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, both the cold and cough left me, and in this high altitude it takes a meritorious cough remedy to do any good.—G. B. Henderson, editor Daily Advertiser, Colorado, by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

THE PAPER CITY OF COOS.
Business is rushing up here.
It thawed quite a lot here last week.
The town government has passed away.
"Husk" has returned to his home in P. Q.
Fred Ingalls was up from Gorham Sunday.
Mr. Bowler of the News was in town last week.
Tom McNamard, Jr., of Everett, Mass., is in town.
Garcelon Bros. have been giving musical concerts about town.
Harry Marston spent a few days in Manchester a short time ago.
Maloney and Hanley are to open a drug store in the new store next to Chas. Clark.
Harry Marston won the "beebaby" prize at the Maynesboro club, ladies' night.
C. A. Smith will, as soon as the building is repaired, reopen his photograph studio.
Rob Obery, the lead burner, of Fall River, Mass., is in town working for the Burgess Sulphite Co.
The insurance men have been here this week, looking over the Thomasi Block that was burned Monday week.
Mrs. Geo. Porter died at her home on Mechanic street last Friday. She was buried in the Gorham cemetery.
The Castle Square Theater Company of Boston got broke up here and most of them disbanded. The rest of them started for Groveton, to give a show.
There has been a couple of parties looking over the field here for a new newspaper. No doubt if a good local paper was started it would pay, if managed right.
One of the engines, that run a paper machine of Glen No. 1, was broken to pieces last week, by the breaking of the driving belt. It will be replaced by a new one.
Our old friend "Hank" Pingree called on us last week. He was received by Officer Lambert. The next morning Judge, Rich gave him an invitation to stop off at the County Hotel, at Lancaster for 90 days, at the town's expense.

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publican Party." W. C. Frye,
Harrisonville - Clough, and Romanzo F.
Cross waked the echoes for the

electing Snow, Pres.; Delancy, Pres.; M. A. Hastings, Sec.; Chapman, Treas.; Snow, librarian; Miss Lee, editress. Mr. Fernald ceased to be principal and Mr. Snow filled that position this year. Very little interest in the lyceum seems to have been shown this year, only three meetings being held. During Mr. Fernald's time he had shown great interest and in consequence the lyceum flourished

ing those who are dead in trespass and sin against the harmony of our origin, existence and unity in God our all Father. It is the only proof of our Christ; doing the same works he did, is the only proof that we are following him or know him. The mortal mind (man) has a bargain with error, evil to exalt self and belittle

mberest thou, thou gray haired
 age,
 the days of youth and bloom,
 mother's care, while bent with age,
 she plied the hemlock broom?
 mberest thou the shiftless boy,
 h his heart all out of tune,
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